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SUBJ: RENEWAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR
NASA CANARY ISLANDS TRACKING STATION

PARIS PLEASE PASS NASA REPRESENTATIVE

1. CANARY ISLANDS TRACKING STATION IS PART OF NASA SPACE-
FLIGHT TRACKING AND DATA NETWORK (STDN) AND PROVIDES
TRACKING, TELEMETRY AND COMMAND FUNCTIONS TO NASA SPACE-
FLIGHT MISSIONS. STATION SUPPORTS BOTH MANNED AND UNMANNED
MISSIONS. CURRENT USG/SPAIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
(TIAS 6003 OF APRIL 14, 1966) EXPIRES JAN. 29, 1974.

DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS NASA HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED
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REQUIREMENTS FOR STATION AND HAS DETERMINED NEED FOR ITS

USE UNTIL AT LEAST LATE 1978 OR UNTIL TIME WHEN PROPOSED TRACKING AND DATA RELAY SATELLITES SYSTEM (TDRSS) IS IN OPERATION.

2. PLANS CALL FOR STATION TO BE OPERATED, AS IT IS NOW, THROUGH US FIRM USING QUALIFIED SPANISH PERSONNEL TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. INTA WOULD CONTINUE IN ITS ROLE AS COOPERATIVE AGENCY AND WILL SHARE IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR STATION OPERATION AS IT IS DOING AT THIS TIME.

3. BELIEVE THAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER CURRENT AGREEMENT STILL APPLICABLE AND SUFFICIENT, AND DEPARTMENT

PROPOSES SIMPLE EXTENSION BY MEANS OF EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF DRAFT NOTE:
QUOTE EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING A SPACE VEHICLE TRACKING AND COMMUNICATION STATION ON THE ISLAND OF GRAN CANARIA EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF APRIL 14, 1966.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED UNTIL JAN. 29, 1969, SUBJECT TO FURTHER EXTENSION AS MAY BE AGREED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE IN REPLY TO THAT EFFECT SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THIS MATTER WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR NOTE IN REPLY.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOS RE EXTENSION BASED ON DRAFT NOTE.

5. IF ACCEPTABLE TO MFA EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE FORMAL NOTES. ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT AND NASA.

6. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED ON PROGRESS OR NEGOTIATIONS. ROGERS

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